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## THE PROTECTION OF THE RIVERS.

The raport with reference to the encroachcity, which was presented to the Chamber of Commerce vesterday, deals with a very immanner. The facts which it presents should receive the early attention of the authorities. Everyone who has given even a passing

observation to the matter has been able to perceive the fact that that there have been decided encroachments on the rivers. The station on the Ohio.

It is certainly a public duty to support penitentiary. measures which will preserve the rivers, rectify the lines and prevent further transopen for the use of all railroads desiring to enter the city, now or in the future.

a subject should certainly lead to prompt such power as to contain any danger. and adequate public action.

The rather singular argument is advanced demand for iron in the booms of 1879 and 1872? order to save money for a few corporations. The fact is that every such undue advance is caused by a sudden development of deannud in excess of the supply which sends prices up until they both check consumption and stimulate increased supply so as to cause an overstock and a rapid reaction of prices. The present rise has not exceeded moderate proportions as yet, and the best protection against a boom is the knowledge that a large capacity of iron production is ready to go into operation if prices advance very little more. There is also a good safeguard in the fact that nearly everyone in the iron trade is desirous of avoiding the dangers of such an advance as would cause

# CHICAGO'S CRIMINAL PUZZLE.

A Chicago grand jury has found indictments against the gang that was trying to pack the jury box, in the Cronin case, with jurors bribed in the interest of the defense. It is probable that the jury in the primary case cannot be completed with safety until the jury fixers in the collateral case are loaged in the penitentiary. But this probability indicates an indefinite succession of cases for jury fixing which places the date for trying the Cronin murderers in the dim future.

Suppose the Chicago courts proceed to the task of making an example of these jurypackers. Of course the task will involve the same struggle that has been going on in the Cronin case; and by the time that a jury has been half empanneled a new lot of juryfixers may have got in their work on those who are to try the first lot. This involves the postponement of jury-fixing case No. 1 until the jury-fixers No. 2 are convicted. But on their trial a third relief of jury-bribers msy rally to the rescue; and so on, until at the close of the century the succession of jury-fixing cases may stretch out to the crack of doom, and the original murder case be lost sight of under the mass of attempts to set up the various juries.

If this sort of thing should go on much longer, it would not be strange for the Chieago people to conclude that the only way to get prompt justice is by an appeal to Judge Lynch.

# UNCONQUERABLE BOURBONISM.

Hardly any better proof of the innate disposition toward oppression that lies at the bottom of the Southern "race question" can be afforded than the reply of the Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald to the suggestion of such Northern Democratic papers as the New York World and Philadelphia Record that its true solution is in the education of the negro race. The Southern paper asserts quires the sharper the race conflict hecomes." If the inter-dependence of emplover and employed is destroyed, it is asin any other light than as a declarais a servitude that amounts to practical bondage. The negroes cannot be permitted to vote because they are ignorant; they cannot be allowed education because they might rise above a servile condition. It is plain that the negroes are not the only people in

REFORMING EVENING PARTIES

The South who need education.

best, and still mutual improvement be out of court and jail. of the question.

feasible, perhaps, if the habitual partygoers were of different material and bent. ple in the community. They may be good to look at-though many of them are not, they may dress expensively and in good taste, they may be on speaking terms with euchre and whist, and know when to get up and when to sit down in accordance with the politest rules in vogue, but they very seldom possess brains or know how to use them. To improve evening parties we must then educate and reform the people who go to them. A small job that even a Bishop might hesitate before undertaking. It is not fashionable to send missionaries into polite society we know, but there is no denying that there is plenty of room for mission work there.

### ELECTRICITY AND SAFETY.

The very natural disquictude of a city so gridironed with electric wires as our own is. produced by the numerous deaths from that cause in New York, obtains another reassurance in the shape of an interview with ments on the lines of the rivers about the an electric light official declaring that the insulation of all wires in this city is perfect; that they are all under the most careful nortant subject in a thorough and able and constant inspection; and that they are proved by tests twice every day.

It is to be conceded that the immunity from fatal accidents in this city makes these precautions seem reasonably adequate; and if there is a public assurance that the vigilance will never be relaxed, it is to be hoped report, however, shows them to have been that this happy security will not be dismore general along the entire river bank than turbed. Nevertheless, the statement evokes could have been supposed. Everyone seems | two comments. The first is that if such preto have participated in them. Railroads, cautions as these will secure safety, it sets bridge companies and manufacturing firms down the action of the companies in New have taken part in the encroachments which York in failing to adopt them as crimare gradually destroying the navigable inal negligence, little better than manvalue of the rivers, and the encroach- slaughter. These precautions are with ments are to be found all the way from in the reach of every electric light cor-Sharpsburg on the Allegheny, and Turtle poration; and if numerous lives have been Creek on the Monongahela, down to Verner sacrificed by their absence, those responsible for the neglect should atone for it in the

The other point is the authority of no less an electrician than Mr. Edison, that no eressions on the river bed. These steps are insulation can make a high tenoutlined in the committee's report with the sion electric wire wholly safe, either addition of a very valuable suggestion, such above or below ground. This looks as THE DISPATCH has often urged for its like a sweeping assertion in view of the value by itself namely, that railroads capacity of the earth to absorb any electric occupying the river bank should be held | current; but Mr. Edison's statement must certainly have force with regard to overhead wires. His remedy lies in the pro-Such a full presentation of so important hibition of electric tension on the streets of

If the underground wire does not secure ample safety, as there is there is good reason to believe that it does certainly Mr. Edison's plan for the regulation of electrical to prove that the present rise in the prices | tension is the least that can be expected. A of iron is not a boom, that the rise is based | device for the benefit of humanity must not on a general demand for iron. Was there no be turned into an instrument of death, in

## BOYCOTTS AGAINST COMBINATIONS.

The advance in the rates for natural gas by the companies supplying Erie, Corry, Jamestown and Warren has resulted in a popular movement to secure a universal refusal to take the gas at the advanced rates. In other words, the proposition is to boycott the gas companies, as some of the newspaper advocates of the scheme put it: and the expectation is plainly held out that if the people stand out firmly enough, the gas companies will be torced to reduce their rates. This method of regulating the price of gas

is a natural result of a system of exclusive privileges in the supply. It may be the only immediate remedy within the reach of the people: but it is open to vital objections as a method of placing a check on the exactions of corporations. The first is that when the union of thousands of consumers is pitted against that of a single corporation the former always proves the weaker. Some of the thousands will give in before the cornothe rest will follow like sheep. If there were competing companies, the union of the company that would first make cheap was. prices, might be effective; but the endurance of thousands against a concentrated cor-

poration is rarely such as to win victory. Another main objection is that the method of settling the price of a staple by a test of power does not base the price on the legitimate foundation of the cost of furnishing it, but on the opinion of the strongest side. The proper price for gas, as for anything else, is the cost of delivering it to the consumer, including a fair return on the age of the W. C. T. U. bona fide investment. This is always unerringly fixed by free competition; but it and Governor Beaver are expected to be the can never be fixed by contests such as are bright particular stars of the Hahnemann Hosproposed in the Northwestern Pennsylvania | pital Association's benefit ball at Philadelphia towns. The tendency to fix prices by a series of gigantic strikes, is a natural outseries of gigantic strikes, is a natural out-growth of the combination system. In no citizen of the United States. He has been respect is the abnormal and injurious effect with his father at Washington, and is a civil

of that system plainer than in this. The trouble with the natural gas business, as in a great many other things, is that in the introduction of the system enough care was not taken to preserve the influence of com- Nathaniel Hawthone. petition so broadly that if one agency did not supply gas cheaply another would be ready to do it. The fact is worth remembering in other connections than that of 288.

## TREASON IN CHICAGO

Chicago still continues to be the central point of treason in the United States. Traitors seem to gravitate naturally toward that "the more education the negro ac- Chicago, and they are allowed to plot and spout treason there with very little interfer. ence. On Sunday, at a meeting of so-called Socialists the stars and stripes were hissed, serted, the two races cannot occupy the while the red flag of anarchy was cheered to same country. It is hard to construe this the echo. About a thousand men and women joined in this disgraceful demonstration that the only condition of the negro tion, and a lovely Russian by the name of race which will satisfy the Southern whites | Sergius E. Shevitch made a bloodthirsty address, in which he congratulated Chicago on the probability of its becoming the Paris of America, the city of revolutions.

There ought to be one revolution right away in Chicago. Treasonable utterances and insults to the nation's flag ought to be punished surely and severely. The authorities in Chicago can make it very unhealthy for these unwashed, beer-swilling revolu-Bishop Huntington, of the Episcopal tionists, if they will but set firmly and Church, is not satisfied with the "evening swiftly. There is such a thing as carrying party" as we are accustomed to find it in forbearance, even if born of contempt, too American society. He thinks it is a sham, far. The Stars and Stripes wave over the a superficial affair, in which the partici- freest country in the world, and that very pants are bored exceedingly as a rule, or fact ought to secure for the fing courtesy and are simply exhibitors of fine raiment and respect from all who seek a refuge beneath shallow brains. Almost all the world will it. This very man Shevitch is in all probsecretly agree with the good Bishop; there ability a refugee, owing his life to the are very lew indeed who really enjoy this United States; a man who knows that punawful social function. And yet Bishop ishment follows plotting too closely in Huntington's proposition to transform the Russia to make the conspirator's life a com- mi

evening party into an instrument for good fortable one. He ought to revere the land stands small chance of being carried into which gives him a refuge, and have nothing effect. It is true, as he says, that "people | but the warmest feelings of regard for the could get together with a direct intention to flag. As he and the scurvy fellows who improve themselves and one another." But cheered him, have not the grace nor the could they improve themselves and those sense to appreciate our institutions the they meet? Their intentions might be the police should instruct them in the schools

Bishop Huntington's reform would be IT further appears that the directors of the Comptoire d'Escompte in France are sentenced to remain in prison until the de-Taking them in the mass the sedulous ficit in the accounts of that institution is votaries of society are not the brainiest peo- made up. As this practically means imprisonment for life, it appears rather severe. It is further noticeable that if the same law were applied to this country it would require either a marked contraction of the loans the fine arts, they may dance well, play | made by financial institutions to trust manipulators or a permanent enlargement in the penitentiaries of the land.

> THE statement that the real estate boom at Pierre, S. D., has progressed to such an extent that they are selling off lots by moonlight might suggest to some of the boomers that a large share of the boom is simply moonshine,

> THE Czar having made up with Emperor William, he then held a consultation with Bismarck to see if he could keep out of a fight with Germany. It is intimated that the Iron Chancellor was favorable, and the Russian monarch left Berlin with the assurance that white-winged peace will hover over Europe until one of the powers builds more war ships or military railways.

> THE report that Canada's Senate is to be deprived of its function as a secret divorce mill indicates that the abuse of private divorce trials is to be reformed everywhere but here in Pennsylvania.

> In view of Mrs. Potter's passionate production of proof that her health will not permit her to play in the United States this season, it is permissible to remark that all this earnestness is unnecessary. The theater estimony is necessary to reconcile them to her absence.

DO THE electric power wires of Pittsburg furnish an additional possibility in the way of illustrating the probabilities of electrical executions upon unsuspecting and law abiding citizens?

THE old suggestion that safety against always to circle to the left. railroad collisions could be secured by tying railroad director to the cow-catcher of every locomotive, might be adapted to the electric light danger. Would we not be likely to get perfect insulation if every electric light director should be required to test the wires daily by handling them without gloves?

ENGLAND'S willingness that the United States shall have the Sandwich Islands can be appropriately reciprocated only by our making her a free gift of Kalakana.

MR. JAY GOULD'S declaration that "the World's Fair will be held in St. Louis if it is located where it ought to be," shows the disposition of the amiable Mr. Gould to boom his own property. Insemuch as he owns St. Louis, it is natural that he should be desirous of accepting all possible methods to increase the revenue thereof.

THE opening of new coal and coke lands in West Virginia, which will be nearer Chicago than the fields tributary to Pittsburg, so far as the Baltimore and Ohio line is concerned, does not trouble car shippers half so much as the problem how they can induce the railroads to furnish cars enough to transport their business.

An actress has been robbed of her dia monds. The fact that she is able to prove it to the public's satisfaction is where the news

THE cancellation of Senator Manderson's increased pension as unlawful appears to be derided reversal of the late practices of ration does, and, the union being broken, the Pension office, which affords a precedent for getting back the funds from a good many others who were more anxconsumers, to transfer their patronage to jous for the money than Senator Manderson

# PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

MR. AUSTIN CORBIN has gone to Europe. THE Czar offended his host at the Imperial banquet in Berlin by making a speech in MR. C. A. ORR, of Clark University, is to

as an anthropologist with the eclipse expedi tion to Africa. MRS. ZERELDA WALLACE is lecturing i

Louisiana on woman suffrage under the patron-MRS. L. P. MORTON, Mrs. Grover Cleveland

on November 20. THE son of Baron de Fava, Italian Minister engineer by profession.

QUEEN OLGA, of Greece, is particularly fond of American literature. She is a constant reader of the principal American magazines and newspapers. Her favorite of all authors i

RAONE KOCZALSKI, a Polish boy of 5 year is the latest musical prodigy of Europe. He is going to play in Berlin the Mendelssohn Concerto in D, a Chopin mazourka and other compositions equally difficult. MISS RACHEL SHERMAN, the youngest of

the daughters of General W. T. Sherman, is booked to sail for Europe on the 30th of Octo ber. She has been invited to spend the win-ter with the family of Minister Whitelaw Reid in Paris.

WILFORD WOODRUFF, the President of the Mormon Church, was born in Connecticut 82 years ago. He has the compactly-built figure Grant. In the square face, the strong no and the set of the eyes there are reminiscence of the old Commander sufficiently strong -to make strangers comment upon the likeness.

# A CONTRACT TO KILL RATS.

#### A Washington Man Will Attempt to Rid the White House of Rodents.

WASHINGTON, October 14.—Having gotten rid of the red ants which infested the White House, the President is trying to drive the rats away. Major Erust, the new Superintendent of Public Buildings and grounds, has made a of Public Buildings and grounds, has made a contract with W. H. Hosmer, of this city, to clean out the entire building of rats. The contract allows Mr. Hosmer \$10 a day, with time unlimited. Ferrets and dogs are to be used in the work of extermination, and the work is to proceed until it is completed, if it takes all winter, the Government to pay for all the lesser of fewerers.

takes all winter, the Government to pay for all the losses of ferrets.

Mrs. Harrison has requested the contractor to begin work at once in her room, as there was one impudent rodent who nightly invaded the room, greatly to her annovance. The work will begin early on Monday. The ferrets used will be brought from New York.

From the Baltimore American. 1 . Charges of plagiarism still continue. It is now hinted that successful and hitherto unsuspected farmers crib the stores of their corn

## THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Fine Architecture in Pittaburg-Life is Cer-

tain, Love is Not-Left Leggedness. BEYOND all question the new building erected on Fifth avenue by Dr. Hussey, in which the Chronicle Telegraph will soon be completely housed, is an ornament to the city. It is really unfortunate that its situation does not allow all the structure's beauties to be seen. But from the upper windows of any of the tall buildings in the lower part of the city the graceful outlines of the turret and stone battlement with which the Hussey building is crowned may be seen to advantage. The street front of the building, the wide arch of the first floor especially, is essentially novel in design, and, better still, is simple and yet highly ornate. The architect, Mr. Frederick Oester-ling, although a very young man, has done well before in Pittsburg, of which he is a native, but his last work must be regarded as his best. If the stumpy architectural horrors of elder Pittsburg are to be replaced by such handsome structures as Mr. Oesterling's example, Fifth avenue-after the removal of the unsightly hump-will be worthy of the city whose mes important street it is. .

THE religious editor was trying to persuade a fair member of a city church congregation to reveal to him the inside facts of a very pretty church squabble, and finally he reso

mild form of bribery.
"If you will tell me," said he, "the names of the principal parties who are to be disciplined I will see that my paper gives you a splendid send-off when you get married. It shall be the prettiest—our wedding reporter has secured a patent on the word 'pretty' as applied to wed-dings—the most fashlonable and the best attended wedding of the season." "No, sir," the modest maiden replied, "I

never gamble. Promise me an extra superfine, wire-wove obituary and I might consider your offer, but there are too many risks about a wed-

In a paper on "Left-Leggedness," read be fore the British Association, Dr. Sibley speaks of a man as having been supposed to be a popularly assumed that he is also right-legged; but this does not appear to be the case. Standing working with the right hand, there is a tendency to use the left leg for balance. Many people find less exertion in going round circles to the right than in circles to the left; race paths are nearly all made for runnings in circle to "the right. So the majority of movements are goers of the country are not calling for her | more readily performed to the right, as dancappearance with so much urgency that sworn | ing, running, etc. The rule in walking is to keep to the right, and this appears to be almost universal. Crowds tend to bear to the right. The left leg being the stronger it is more readily brought into action; hence troops start off with the left foot: it is the foot which is placed in the stirrup of the saddle or step of the bicycle in mounting; so the left is the foot which a man takes off from in jumping. Man, eing naturally or artificially right-handed and left-legged, tends unconsciously to bear to the right, lower animals, on the other hand, appear

## MARVELS OF MEMORY.

#### Same Great Men Whose Retentiveness of Facts Was Remarkable. Blackwood's Magazine. I

There have been stupendous memorie enough in ancient and modern times to stagger belief-such as those of Theodectes and Hortensius and Cineas, of whom Cicero speaks, and in our later days, Pascal, who, it is said, never forgot anything he had seen, heard or thought; and Avicenna, who repeated by rote the entire Koran when he was 10 years old; and Francis Suarez, who, Strada tells us, had the whole of St. Augustine in his memory-enough, one would think, to destroy all his mental power of digestion; and Justus Lipsius, who on one occasion offered to repeat all the "History" of Tacitus without a mistake on forfeit of his life; and, in our own days, Jedediah Buxton and Zerah Colbura among others, who had such a prodigious power and rapidity of calculating in their minds. Colburn, it is said, could tell the number of seconds in 58 years almost before the question could be repeated. The story is told that Jededish Buxton was once taken to the theater to could be repeated. The story is told that Jedediah Buxton was once taken to the theater to 
see Garrick, and that he was observed to pay 
an unremitted attention to the great actor 
throughout the play. When he went out, his 
riend, who accompanied him, asked him how 
he had been impressed by the acting, and Jedediah answered by stating the quimber of words 
and syllables that Garrick had spoken. His mind had been interested solely in this enumer-ation. I dare say it was a purely mechanical operation of mind with him, and I rather think that with all these great memories it is the

As I have not a good memory, I wish to decry it, out of pure envy. 1 wish I could say that great men never have great memories. Unfor-tunately, it is not true. The names of Pascal, tunately, it is not true. The names of Pascal, Avicenna, Scaliger, who committed to memory the whole of the Iliad and Odyssey in three weeks; old Dr. Thomas Fuller, whose memory was equally remarkable—to say nothing of Cyrus, Hortensius, Mithridates—are so terribly against me that I give up such a proposition; and I have serious thoughts myself, despite its disgusting ingredients, of resorting to the learned Grataroll of Bergamo's recipe for improving my own memory. He gives several. learned Grataroli of Bergamo's recipe for im-proving my own memory. He gives several, but one above all others as efficacious and comforting to the memory. It is this: To make a mixture of mole's fat, calcined human hair, cumin and bear's grease, and swallow a pill of them of about the size of a hazelnut at bedtime.

### A SOLID MARRIED COUPLE. The Husband Weighs 410 Pounds and the

Wife Tips the Beam at 315. BUSKIRKS, N. Y., October 14.-Mr. and Mrs. Addison G. Havner, living here, are a substantial, solid married couple. Mr. Hayner weighs 410 pounds and his wife pulls down the scales at 315, making a conjugal total of 725 pounds, and it is all solid flesh. Both are in good health, and cheerfully do the ordinary work of a farm. When Mr. and Mrs. Hayner walk arm in arm

they take up the whole sidewalk, and when they sit together in the Methodist Church there is not much room in the pew for anyons else. They have two children, one a beautiful young lady of 19, tall and of graceful and delicate build, the other a short, stout girl of 12 years, who weighs a plump 100 pounds.

Mrs. Hayner's mother, formerly Mrs. Amelia Warner, of Canaan, Conn., was a small, spare woman, who never weighed over 115, and her father, Mr. Frankiin Waters, both physically and politically, is a man of the Andrew Jackson type. When Mr. Hayner returned from service type. When Mr. Hayner returned from service in the late war he was a man of ordinary build, and when he married Miss Waters she was a young lady of graceful figure. They have been gradually growing stout together until they have both become eligible to membership in the Fat Men's Club.

# A HOME FOR OLD MAIDS.

Eaton County, Ind.

is about \$30,000.

The Nevel Colony to be Established

FORT WAYNE, October 14.-The queer will of L. B. Eaton, the eccentric farmer of Steuben county, which was contested by Isaac Eaton, From the New York Tribune. has been declared valid by the court. The terms of the document will, therefore, be executed. The 400 acre farm will be divided into ten acre lots, and 40 homes for widows and old maids above the age of 35 will be erected thereon.

The colony is to be known as the "Eaton Home." The value of the estate thus bestowed

### A BIG ALDERMAN'S FAST. He Goes Without Food for 12 Days to Re duce Hts Weight.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., October 16 .- Alderman Jacob Stumm, a wealthy citizen, to-night com pleted a voluntary fast of 12 days, and declares he can hold out three days longer. He has taken nothing but water. His purpose is to reduce his superfluous flesh.

Mr. Stumm weighed 290 pounds and was gaining. He nows weighs 250. He is not very hungry and feels well.

A Political Prophecy.

#### From the New York World. ? In a quiet, clever way Senator Quay, of Pann sylvania, is placing his Presidental be strong foundation. "Quay and Foraker" is a combination which will have considerable strength at the Republican National Conven-Young Woman Swallows a Fatal Draught and at Once Turns Gray.

Turning the Accent to Account. From the Minneapolis Tribune.1 Henry Irving estimates that of the 20 000 actors in England, quite half of them would be glad of an assured \$1,000 a year. Let them come over here; a cockney accent is worth large currency on this side.

Ex-Governor William T.
STAMFORD, CONN., October 15.—William T.
Minor, ex-Governor of Connecticut, ded yesterMinor, ex-Governor william T. Ex-Governor William T. Minor.

### AT THE THEATERS.

The Brigands a Success-A Possible Case

Rev. Mr. Riddle Presented With Silver By "Every cloud has a silver lining" and last evening it was a cloud of crystal with a silver In the first place it is only fair to say the new comic opera produced at the Grand Opera House, "The Brigands," deserved suclining, which was presented to Rev. W. Riddle and wife of the Nineteenth Street Baptist opera mouse, The brigands," deserved success. The cast, chorus, the scenery, the costumes were as nearly perfect as mundane things can be. Of the opera it may be said that it has enough good music in it to command favorable consideration, though its merits are not stupendous. In the second place "The Brigands" achieved a great success.

The plat of "The Brigands" does not severely and wife of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church by the members of the church and congregation. The present was in honor of the lith wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, and the occasion was also celebrated by a reception held in the church, which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, plants and Mr. J. H. Skelton made the presentation

The plot of "The Brigands" does not amount to much. A band of Italian brigands swoops down upon an inn, the robbers violently assumand when the Princess of Grenada and her and when the Princess of Grenada and her suite come that way the brigands imprison them in the inn, take their attire and proceed to the court of the Duke of Mantua, whom the Spanish to get 3,000,000 francs which the Duke of Mantua is to pay over on the wedding day. The scheme fails, and yet the opera ends in general happiness. The truth is, the plot is very nebulous and devoid of point after the close of the first act. Still, plot never counts for much in comic opera.

One is inclined to expect great things from

the libretto because it is from the best librettist of the time, W. S. Gilbert, but the fact is that Gilbert wrote it twenty years ago and is heartily ashamed of it, as well he may be. It has none of the snap and keen wit, neatly toned rhymes and jingles which characterize Mr. Gilbert's work with Sir Arthur Sullivan. If it were not for the excellence of the actors the dialogue would flag painfully at times. The music is in the familiar stain of Offenbach; light in two senses, it is neither heavy nor dark. It is brightest at the finale of every act, and the waltz movement with which the first act closes, and also the last, is a marvelously magnetic piece of sturring, tuneful music. There is a grand sweep to the measure that carries one away from the parquet chairs, and if it lands you anywhere the place is somewhere near the Mohammedan paradise. The tremendons effect of this waltz is upheld and inflamed by the incessant movement of the mass of men and women upon the stage. The principals sweep up and down the stage in step with the ravishing strains, and the torches of the fair brigands or the rocks at the rear wave to the tune. Then the voices, swelling and falling alternately, and finally soaring into a crashing climax, complete

the whelming fascination of the scene.

Now we come to the company, and uncommonly pleasant it is to be able to say that there is not a weak snot in it. The women are all pretty, the principals not only, but the chorus also. We expected all along to find a corps of less favored choristers filling in the crevices, but we were disappointed. Every girl was pretty and some of them entirely too goodlooking for the safety of weak vessels. Let us start off with Miss Lillian Russell, there is no other; way to start. She is a royal beauty, and far loveller to-day than she was a few years ago. Her voice has improved also, and is a powerful, rich soprano well under command. The depth and purity of this voice was tested severely by the numerous high passages in which the opera abounds. She sang with a wonderful spirit and enthusiasm; was cheered as she deserved, and won approval in other quarters by her exquisite dresses. Miss Fanny Rice, plump, pert and pretty as ever, made herself prominent enough in a thin, thankless part—a part in shadow most of the time. But her vivacity shone all the same. She seemed to be suffering from cold and her voice would not reus start off with Miss Lillian Russell. part in shadow most of the time. But her vivacity shone all the same. She seemed to be suffering from cold and her voice would not respond to her demands upon it always. Miss Urquhart appropriately completed the central group in this dream of fair women. Her beauty is of a statuesque and slightly severe order, and it contrasted well with the cheery roundness and redness of Miss Rice and the queenly but sunny Lillian Russell. All the chorus girls deserve mention on the score of looks, and they sang well, too, and the little morsel of dancing in the last act showed that some of them were graceful in that direction. There is need of more rapid rhythmical movement in the chorus, more dances, more quick marches.

The comedy element was not so strong as it has been in some recent operas, but Mr. Fred Solomon was funny as a brigand of the type of Cadeaux in "Erminle," and Richard F. Carroll made a decided hit as a most whimsical Captain of Carbineers. George Olmi was very satisfactory as the Captain of the Brigands and several others in the cast deserve praise. The chorus as a whole was the best we have seen in comic opera for a long while.

The scenery, a splendid bit of Italian mountain and sea in the first act a charming inn of the old

and sea in the first act, a charming inn of the old Italian style in the second, both by Marston, and one of Mr. Hoyt's famous interiors—a layender salom—for the last act, were simply superb. The costumes could hardly be richer in color or more gorgeous generally. A crowded house applauded the opera liberally, and many

#### A Possible Case at the Bijon. The diversity of the marriage laws in the different States of the Union, and the humorou

and tragic entanglements which may result therefrom is the motive of "A Possible Case," which is being presented at the Bijou this week. The play has been here before, and has been duly criticised, "A Possible Case" is bright and polished society comedy, and is presented at the Bijou by a thoroughly compe-tent company of artists. Mr. M. A. Kennedy, as Otto Brinkerhoff, Esq., a retired merchant of susceptible tendencies, is a charmingly funny, yet always gentlemanly, impersonation, Charles Dickson, as Allen Weeks, wealthy young trifler, is also a clever come dian, while Herbert Archer, as Senor de Vidas, is all that could be asked for in the way of a polished villain. Miss Helen Russell is a beautiful and more than ordinarily artistic actress, who does full justice to the character of Violet Mendoza, upon whom and her three husbands the plot hinges. Henrietta Lander, as Ethel Servero, Brinkershoff's wife, played a rather difficult emotional role and played it well, while Miss Belle Archer was a very bright and winsome Gladys. The other members of the cast are up to the standard, and there are few companies in which the standard is so high. The staging is perfect, the scenes in the first and second acts being very artistic. The house was crowded last evening.

THE production of "She" at Harris' Theater yesterday was notable on account of its splen-did mounting and its great spectacular features. The She of Miss Marie Rene is very fine. Crowded houses testified their delight with it. THE novelty of a complete circus at the World's Museum yesterday drew large audiences. A further notice of this departure shall be given on Tuesday.

HYDE's Big Specialty show repeated its previous success at the Academy last night.

### WANAMAKER SPARED A SHOCK. A Congressman Who Actually Contemplate Asking Rim Out to Drink.

Strange as it may seem, despite all that has been published about him in the last five months, the Postmaster General's habits of temperance in speech and action as well as in other respects have not become known to all the men in public life or even to all of the members of his own party. A few days ago two Congressmen making the tour of the De-partments stopped at one of the bureaus of the Postoffice Department, and after transacting

Postoffice Department, and after transacting the business for which they had come said to the head of the bureau:

"Have you time to come out and get a drink?"

The bureau chief did not have time, for it was an unusually busy day with him.

"Well," said one of the Congressmen, "I am going upstairs to see the Postmaster General, I wonder if he can spare the time to go across the street?" From the St. Paul Globe. ] The young lady in Detroit who did not know

I wonder if he can spare the time to go across the street?"

The bureau chief grew pale.
"I would advise you," he said, "if you have anything to ask of the Postmaster General not to ask him to drink." And as the Representatives were satisfied to follow this advice unquestioningly, Mr. Wana-maker's nerves were spared a great shock.

# HAIR MADE WHITE BY POISON.

NEW YORK, October 14.—Lucy Eddy, 20 years old, the wife of John Eddy, a young carpenter, committed suicide last evening by swallowing a dose of carbolic acid. The pair occupied apartdose of carbolic acid. The pair occupied apartments on the top floor of No. 281 Rivington street. They had a slight spat after supper, and, while Eddy was taking a nap in the bedroom, his young wife took the fatal draught. After she had swallowed it she relented, awoke her husband and told him what she had done. Eddy alarmed the neighbors and rushed for Drs. Harley and Goidenberger. They gave Mrs. Eddy doses of milk and sweet oil, but all to no purpose. In 29 minutes she was dead.

A strange feature of the case was that in the short interval between the taking of the polson and her death the hair of Mrs. Eddy, who was a brunette, turned almost white.

# A PASTOR'S SURPRISE.

Police Blackmall. [NEW YORK BURRAU SPECIALS.] NEW YORK, October 14.—There was an Italian riot in Mulberry street late last night. A quart of beer caused the trouble. The riot occurred in the dimly lighted hallway of a notoriously riotous tenement house known as "The Barracka." Mrs. Teresa Delafaro was highly and country there is no to the country of bringing a quart of beer for her husband and eight or ten of his friends who were gathered in his room. There is a Sunday law against the sale of liquor, but it is used only to enable the sale of liquor, but it is used only to enable the police, from captain to patrolman, to lavy blackmail on such saleou keepers as desire to keep open. This is the simple, unexaggerated truth. Mrs. Delafaro had no trouble getting the beer. As she entered the hallway of "The Barracks" a strange Italian snatched the pall from her hand, drank the beer "while she screamed for help. Help came immediately in the shape of Delafaro and his friends. Delafaro smashed the pall in the stranger's face and drew a knife. The stranger also drew a knife and the duel began. The men fought up and down the hallway, out into the gutter and half a block up the street. Blood flowed in streams from their wounds in the neck, breast and face. The stranger's friends came to his aid and tried to do up Delafaro's friends. When a policeman came, a dozen Italians were cut and battered and covered with blood. All the rioters escaped arrest except Delafaro, who was arraigned to day for assault with intent to kill. As no one appeared to press the charge he was let off with a fine for disorderly conduct. speech, and voiced the entire gathering in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Riddle many happy rewishing Mr. and Mrs. Riddle many happy returns of the day. Mr. Riddle responded with surprise, delight and gratitude all depicted upon his face. Music added much to the pleasure of the evening, and other addresses were made by Rev. H. B. Grose, of the Fourth Avenue Church, and Rev. George Street, of the Mt. Washington Church. Refreshments were served in the lecture room of the church by the ladies, and in every word and action was plainly perceptible the unity existing between pastor and people.

HER FIFTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY. A Merry Gathering at the Residence

A large and merry crowd of railroad peop gathered at the residence of Mr. John G. Owston, one of the oldest and best known engineers of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, at No. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, at No. 286 Franklin street, Allegheny, last evening. The cause of the meeting was to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of Mrs. Owston's birth, and wish her and her husband many happy returns. An elegant banquet was served by the hostess, who has gained a record for her hospitality. Among those present were: Rev. Hudson, pastor of the Baptist church at Library, and wife; Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shook, Mr. and Mrs. B. Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. John Keys, Mr. and Mrs. James Owston, of Leetsdale, Mrs. Henry Grabing, Mrs. Orrison Harris and Teeters, of Alliance, O., Mrs. Frank Johnston, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Sippey.

Misses Learn of Enrope. The baseball club, the boating club, the equestrian club and the pedestrian club have, with the falling of the leaves and the advent of cooler weather, given place to a class of clubs cal development and endurance. With the revival of the Woman's Club, the Dramatic Club, the Cup and Saucer Club, the Tramatic Club, the Cup and Saucer Club, the Tramatic Club, the Magazine Club, is also noted the organization of a new and ambitious club composed of about 50 young ladies, who, with Miss Killikelly as instructor, meet in the Library parlors every Monday morning to study and discuss the cities and countries of the Old World. Yesterday a very interesting meeting was conterday a very interesting meeting was con-ducive to an extended knowledge of the city of Florence.

# In a Social Way.

CARDS are out for the wedding of Miss Ida ahnestock and Mr. Boyd. THE Woman's Literary Club will hold its

arlors. WEDNESDAY evening. November 13 the Carlton Club will have a select reception at Turner Hall, Forbes street.

THE second reception of the Carroll Club will be held at their clubrooms, 6230 and 6232 Penn avenue, East End, Thursday evening, October 31. MISS EMMA J. NICKERSON, of Boston, Mass.,

the inspirational spiritualist, will hold a recep-tion for her friends at 378 Wylie avenue this afternoon and evening. THE St. Helena Guild, of Braddock, will give a tea and musical entertainment at the residence of the Misses Farley, corner of Second street and Camp avenue, on the 18th of

THE Concordia Club will open the season at their hall on Stockton avenue, October 17. The committee are devoting a great deal of thought and money to the event, and a very en-

joyable time is predicted. ONE of the most notable weddings of the eason will be that of Miss Nora Guckenheimer, of Western avenue and Fulton street, daughter of the wealthy distiller, to Mr. Arthur Einstein, a popular young business man of Chi-cago. This event is the principal subject of George B, McClellan, a son of the late General comment in Hehrew circles, and will abound in new and unique features.

# A CANINE RACER

Doc, the Dog Trotter, Gives an Exhibition of His Speed. From the Kansas City Journal. ]

The spectacle of a dog, harnessed to a wagon trotting upon a race track as fairly and squarely as any horse, is certainly a novel one, yet that is what was witnessed by 100 curious persons who gathered at Exposition Driving Park en October 9. When Mr. Ketchum first announced that he had a dog which could trot like a horse and make faster time on the track than some horses, his statement was received with a great deal of incredulity, especially on the part of the horsemen. But that his statement was correct in every particular was amply demon-strated when Doc, pulling a load weighing twice as much as himself, trotted half a mile in 1:52 on a track that was rough and bumpy. Doc is a handsome red Irish setter, 2 years and 7 months old, and weighing just 53 pounds, and was brought upon the track harnessed to a two-wheeled cart weighing 36 pounds, and driven by little Willie Ketchum, a lad weighing 55 pounds. Mr. J. E. Riley's horse Loafer was sent with the dog to make the pace, and at the word they

were sent away together.

Dog gave one jump to start his load, and then at once settled into a fast, square trot, which took him over the ground in an amazingly rapid way. His action was a perfect trot, and rapid way. His action was a perfect trot, and he went without a skip or a jump. Without urging the quarter was made in 0:55. Around the turn, where the track was lumpy, the pace was not quite rapid, but when the straight was reached the little driver let Doc out again, and he came to the wire with a great burst of speed, finishing in the fast time of 1:52. Doc did not seem at all distressed after his performance, running and leaping playfully after he was taken from the wagon. The performance was a surprise, and elicited much applause from the spectators. Doc has been carefully trained to trot, and has given frequent exhibitions of his powers in trials and in quent exhibitions of his powers in trials and in races against horses in various cities.

# RELICS OF PIONEER TIMES.

Some Genuine Curiosities Exhibited at an Old Settlers' Meeting.

FLEMINGSBURG, KY., October 14.-The re union just closed of the old settlers of Fleming, Lewis and Mason counties, held at Ruggie's camp grounds, drew together 300 or 400 of the oldest people of the three counties. An important feature of the reunion was a collection old relics handed down from generation One attracting a great deal of attention was a

One attracting a great deal of attention was a wedding dress of white dimity, exhibited by his Gertrude Owens, worn by an ancestress 175 years ago, the fashion of which would astonish the modern bride.

Another curiosity was a genuine pod-auger, brought to this country in 1779. A novel feature of the entertainment was the music, furnished by Colonel Tom Brown on a Scotch bagpipe brought here in 1779, the instrument being over 200 years old. About 2,000 persons were in attendance.

Truth in an Artless Remark.

#### exactly what female suffrage was, but supposed it was some kind of a disease, was artless and not sareastic. She illustrates the difficulty in the way to the ballot box of the sex.

Each heart has its moments of pleasure and pain That follow the ebb and the flow; Each soul has its portion of sunshine and rain, Hope dawnings and sansets of woe. But there're few other evils to which flesh is heir That with sorrow our joy can so fleck And fill our whole being with so much despair As a boil on the back of the neck.

A BOIL ON THE NECK.

A man's wife may tell him in tones low and sweet Her mother is coming to stay, He may tread a banana peel down in the street And swear in a dignified way. Somebody may walk on his favorite corn, He may foolishly cash a saide check, But the one thing that makes him regret he was

born Is the boll on the back of the neck. The brooklete'en sings in a sad undertone, The skies are all clouded with care, And nature's voice echoes a saddening moan,

The breezes come freighted with care.
The future is naught but a desert of night,
The present a mis'rable wreck,
Without even just one faint spark of delight,
For the man with a boil on his neck.
—Chicago Hera.

# THE NEW YORK EXHIBITION.

A Riot Interrupts the Peaceful Progress o

Louis Gamper, 28 years of age, became so ill ten days ago that he could not go to his little notion shop. Consequently his income ceased and he grew very despondent. Early this morn-ing he cut an artery in his arm. While bleeding to death he tried to leave his bed and fell across the top of a hot stove. He was too weak to rise. His clothing took fire and he gradually burned to death. Smoke issued from the windows of his apartments and someone, thinking the house was on fire, sent out an alarm. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found poor Gamper's charred remains.

Another Pearsail Proves a Hero.

A street car full of passengers was driven upon the Pennsylvania Railway's net work of tracks in Jersey City last midnight, just as the St. Louis express, slightly overdue, came around a curve one block away. The car horses had just stepped on the rails in front of the train, which was going at the rate of 25 miles an hour. William Pearsall, the driver, saw that he had not time to cross before the train would be upon him. He ground down the brake, leaped to the heads of the horses and pulled them into a position at right angles with the car. The passenger train struck the haunch of the outside horse and ripped its body from tail to head. As soon as the train had passed Pearsall fainted. The passengers ran out, and some fied up and down the street. Two women fainted. None of the 22 persons on the car was The danger was caused by the stupidity of a sleepy gateman, who is now no longer in the company's employ.

A Good Young Man Gone Wrong. The fact that Fred J. Warner, a clerk of the Vagner Palace Car Company, is out of town and that also nearly \$2,000 of the company's funds seem to have taken a trip at the same time to expand the circulation, causes a good deal of anxiety here. Free W. Seymour, auditor of the passenger accounts has been dismissed without any reflections upon his honesty, but as a comment on his negligence. Warner is only 24 years of age, and has been dismissed with the Warner is only 24 years of age, and has been described with the Warner is only 24 years of age, and has been described with the Warner is only 24 years of age, and has been described with the Warner is only 24 years of age, and has been described with the warner is not a second with the warner is not a seco identified with the Y. M. C. A. branch of the New York Central road in this city for several years. He is said to have bet heavily on the recent races.

Warner walked into General Superintendent Flagg's office this morning, accompanied by his brother, and admitted the pocketing of a day's earnings on the cars that run to Jerome Park race track, on Friday last. Mr. Flagg sald Warner had taken only between \$500 and \$400. As Warner's brother offered to restore the missing funds, nothing further will be done.

A Reporter Justly Hopored. lan, and at present emi paper reporter in this city, was, on motion of Mayor Grant, appointed Treasurer and Audi-tor. This is a new bridge office, and a couple of months ago it was tendered to Lawyer An-drew J. Hammersley and declined. The salary

# was fixed at \$4,000.

Christine Nilsson, the singer, obtained a verdict of \$175 and costs in part third of the City Court to-day against the Bogota City Railway Company. The verdict was secured by default. Mme. Nilsson is in Paris, and the suit was brought through Goodrich, Dealy & Goodrich, her counsel. Mr. Goodrich said to-day that he knew very little about it. Mme. Nilsson owns, the bonds of the railway the nar it appears, five bonds of the railway, the par value of which is \$5,000. There was a default in the payment of the coupons in May, 1889. Each coupon was worth \$35, and she sued for

# THE OYSTER'S DEADLY ENEMY.

Starfish That Get Into His Bed and Cause Great Loss to Planters.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., October 14.-The United States steamer Fish Hawk, of the Government Fish Commission, has made this port her headquarters for several weeks, and is carrying on a work of great interest to oyster growers in this section. It is that of obtaining the most complete information as to the habits and manner of feeding the starfish, with a view of exterminating the greatest of enemies to the oyster. Lieutenant Robert Platt is in com-mand of the ship, detached from the navy for special duty. As fast as the grounds are ex-amined charts are carefully prepared, which will be submitted to the Fish Commission for inspection. Around Bridgeport Lioutemant

will be submitted to the Fish Commission for inspection. Around Bridgeport Licutenant Platt has found fewer starfish than he expected, and of these the greater number were on the natural beds.

There is no effort to restrict the stars on the natural beds, and he is of the opinion that these plots are the chief broeding places of the stars. The stars have been found by Lieutenant Platt in every temperature of stars. The stars have been found by Lieutenaut Platt in every temperature of water and every condition of bottom, from the frigid zone to the equator. In the vicinity of Bridge port constant fishing has kept down the stars, but the proximity of the natural beds he considers a source of great danger. He says that a single female star produces milhous of eggs a year. Stars have power to move a quarter of a mile a day, and, moving from one feeding ground to another in search of food, they are a deadly enemy to the oyster, and a great element of trouble and loss to the planters.

#### Bossism That Isn't Political. From the Dramatic Mirror.]

Wong Chin Foo says that "the real bo Chinese troupe is the property man, the one that owns or manages the costumes." The real boas of an American troupe is the property man, the one that owns or manages the female star.

# TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

SEVERAL stones, forming one ball-like ma 2 inches in circumference, were found in the stomach of a Hallertown horse which dropped

THE Dictionary of Fossils, issued by the State, contains 34 pages in small print correcting statements found on the other 405 pages. SEVEN bushels of fruit have been picked this season from the apple tree on the Deaver property at Lancaster. It was planted 127 years

In the absence of a Bible a document was sworn to in the Reading courts on a copy of imull's Hand-Book

Two gunners near Williamsport found A HUNTER near Wheeling claims to have shot eight squirrels on the same tree in less

FARMER MARTIN, of Mahoning county, O., gave an old pair of pants to a tramp, forgetting to remove \$13 and valuable notes from the

A STRANGER at an Akron hotel got up in his sleep and threw his watch out of the window. An Ohio peddler claims to have cleared \$2,000 ut of his summer's work.

## CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—A blacksnake was captured at sea off the Brenton Reef lightship, in Newport har-bor, the other day.

-Messrs. Seldomridge and Pebbles, of Colorado Springs, are arranging to dispose of their sheep. One has 19,500 and the other 17,000.

-J. G. Rich, of Bethel, Me., a veteran

trapper, is engaged in the novel business of catching wild hares to ship to sportsmen who wish to stock game preserves. —James Clevenger, aged 15, of Nashville, Brown county, and Miss Anna Patterson, aged 14, were married recently at the home of the bride's father, in Columbus, Ind. -Miss Minnie Earhart, of Glendale, O ...

awoke in a Chattanooga hotel to discover a man in her room. She put her hand under her pillow, drew out a long black silken purse, pointed it at him and threatened to shoot. The fellow thought it was a pistol and left in--Young T. B. Garrison, of Fordland.

Mo., was walking home from church Friday night when he felt a strange impulse to go and see his mother. He started to walk to her home, 15 miles distant, and when he arrived there, at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, found her dead in bod. -A few days since Sergeant Groo, of the

A few days since Sergeant Groot, of the New York pelice force, met five brothers at his father's house in the town of Neversink. The total weight of the six was 1.125 pounds and their aggregate length 35 feet. The father is a sprightly old man of 74 years, and can jet hold his own with anyone of his boys.

—In Stockbridge township, Mich., a hunger host. hungry hawk swooped down on some young turkeys. The mother turkey tried to drive him away, but failing to do so, sped away, and in a few moments returned with a whole flock of able-bodied adult turkeys and made a combined attack on the barn-yard pirate and beat him off.

-A combination of Western live stock exporters, headed by a Chicago firm, has de-vised a new plan to ship its cattle to Europe by utilizing the between decks of the tank steamwilling the between decks of the tank steam-ships which now cross the Atlantic Ocean with bare decks. All of the tonnage has been char-tered by the combination, which will first ex-periment as to what effect the vapor from oil will have upon cattle. It is thought the odor from the cargo will be a benefit rather than an injury to the animals.

-A few days ago a large hog belonging to LeRoy Hardy, of Stark, Ga., while the fam-ily were all out of the house, went into the house, and after climbing upon a feather bed, proceeded to tear the bed and clothing into doll proceeded to tear the bed and clothing into doll rags. His hogship thought he had found a beautiful play-house, and in his delight and playfulness fore things up generally. When the inmates of the house came in the floors were literally covered with feathers, and the festive brute ran from the house looking more like one of the feathered tribe than a fat

-A Winipauk, Conn., cat owner one day not long ago heard shricks from his wife and a lady guest in the parior of his house, and got a pitchfork. In the middle of the parior floor, pitchfork. In the middle of the parlor floor, with her kittens about her, sat the family cat, and in front of her on the carpot was a lively greensnake. The ladies were on the piano, screaming, while the kittens with arched backs and bristing fur, betrayed a terror second only to that of the occupants of the piano. The cat was trying to convince her family that the snake was worth trying for a banquet. The householder set his heel on the reptile.

-There is at least one woman in North —There is at least one woman in North Berwick, Me., who wastes no time admiring herself before a looking glass, and she proved it last Sunday by attending church and Sabbath school with her bounet adorned with half a dozen cards which a masculine sinner had tucked in among the trimmings a day or two before, probably supposing she would see them when she put on her head gear. But the good woman's mind was on Sunday school lessons, not bonnets, when she dressed for church, and so the Sunday school got a chance to giggie.

-Henry Smith, of Brook Center, Cone. —Henry Smith, of Brook Center, Conn., was in the highway on his way to his day's work in the fields, when he suddenly beheld in the road what seemed to him a curious circus. A blacksnake, a six-footer, was curied on the ground, but instead of having a head, as the serpents Mr.Smith had been familiar with all had, this snake seemed to begin and end in tails. Eager to know the mystery of his queer construction, if possible, Smith picked up a stone and huried it at the strange reptile. He didn't hit him, but the mystery came apart in the middle. The big black fellow had swallowed about half of another one that was nearly as large and of the same species, but instantly he disgorged him when the atone struck the ground. Both makes were livedy and slimed.

-Sixteen-year-old Harry Spencer, of om, Pa, is a succe Young Harry's guinea hens got in the n of laying their eggs in the bushes back of the house last summer, and every now and then the crows would swoop down and carry off the eggs. At first Harry was at a loss to account he caught two crows in the act of stealing them, and he straightway went to work to outwit the black thieves. Out in the field he built a little well of sods, with an opening on one side wide enough for a crow to pass through, and in the passage he set a steel trap. Then he placed an egg in the center of the well, and the first crow that saw it alighted on the outside of the circle of sods, tripped into the opening after the egg, and got its foot in the trap. The crow began to flutter like fury, and Harry ran out and clubbed it to death. He has caught nearly two dozen of the sly birds in that way this season.

-In the western part of North Carolina about seven miles west of Hot Springs, there lives a family by the name of Brooks. It is a very interesting one, and many a visitor to the very interesting one, and many a visitor to the quiet little town of Hot Springs has had his curiosity so aroused by stories of this family that he has hired a team and driven seven miles to the Brooks residence. This consists of a little, low log cabin in an unsettled district, and is occupied by father, mother and 20 exceptionally handsome children. Every one is a blonde, with yellow-golden hair and peachy complexion, and all as ignorant, wild and untutored as they are beautiful. In addition to the above family proper the two oldest girls are married; they are beautiful. In addition to family proper the two oldest girls one is a widow with two children a one is a widow with two children and the othe has three children and a husband. Both the little families are living with the old folks a home, making in all a family of 2k, when none are missing. The homeor log cabin consists of but one room, and that a very small one. The family sleeps in berths, arranged like those on a ship.

PANCIES OF PUNNY MEN First Ragman-How is business? ond Hagman - Oh, picking up.-New York

It takes a smart man to tell a good lie; but nearly all men grow smarter the longer they are married. -Somerville Journal. "Marriages are made in heaven," quoth

Thompson (proudly)—Robinson, you see that gun? My wife allied a bear with that once. Robinson—Ah. Indeed! What was she shooting at?—Humsey's Weekly. He- my greatest fault is that I am apt to

Miss Antique. "Then there is some chance for you yet," was the cruel reply of her younger sis-

speak without thinking.

She-Well, I suppose it can't be well avoided unless you quit talking. - Terre Houte Express. I've changed my mind, old fellow, And the maiden I'll ne'er wed; I asked her for her hand, last evening,

And got it-side of the head.

- Kearney Enterprise Sweet Girl-What under the sun are you going to marry him for?

The Other Sweet Girl-He looks so much like poor Fido when he was alive.—Terre Haute Ka-

Mormon Boy (whose "ather has many wives)—You hit me on the nose again and I'll tell my ma. Gentile Boy—Which one of your mas are you

A Fortunate Man. - "Yes," said the stranger, "I have made over \$1,000 this year by parachute descents."
"You are a balloonist, ch?"
"No, I am an undertaker." - New York Sun. He'll Get There Some Day .- Stranger-Boy, will you direct me to the nearest bank?
Street Gamin-Will !! E cents.
Birangee-Twenty-five conts! Isn't that high?
Gamin-Bank directors always gets big pay,
mister.—New Fort Sun.

Younglove-I don't care for fashionable

novel coming out, Seather Seather (professional critic)—Well, to tell the truth, I have not read it yet. Scribbler-Yet when I brought the boes to you you saured me that you would loss no time in reading it. Seather-So I did. Well, I have lost no time in reading it you.—America.

women myself, and, my dear, I will always be quife content if you never wear anything more expensive than a calleo gown about the house.

Mrs. Younglove—I am surprised at you, George. I thought you objected so strongly to women appearing in print.—America. Scribbler-When is that review of my